



Staff Report

Enforcement Services – By-law Division

Report To: Committee of the Whole
Meeting Date: August 21, 2017
Report Number: FAF.17.101
Subject: Kathleen Houghton, 28 Russell Street W. –
Noise By-law Exemption Request
Prepared by: Emily Beauchamp, Administrative Assistant, By-law Services

A. Recommendations

THAT Council receive Staff Report FAF.17.101 “Kathleen Houghton, 28 Russell Street W. – Noise By-law Exemption Request”; and

THAT Council provide direction to staff in response to a request for relief from the provisions of the Noise By-law for a wedding on September 9, 2017 at 28 Russell Street W., Thornbury, from 3:30 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. with a DJ playing music inside the event tent.

B. Overview

Kathleen Houghton is requesting relief from the noise by-law to host a wedding on September 9, 2017 at 28 Russell Street W.

C. Background

The Town is in receipt of a request from the owner of the subject premises for relief from the provisions of the Noise By-law (Attachment 1) for a wedding on September 9, 2017 at 28 Russell Street W., Thornbury, from 3:30 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. with a DJ playing music inside the event tent.

In order to mitigate the noise impact on the neighbouring properties, beginning at 10:30 p.m. the music volume will be reduced incrementally over the remainder of the evening, such that it will be at half the initial volume by 1:00 a.m.

Section 3 e) of the Noise By-law permits the making of noises or sounds related to the non-residential use of land permitted by a by-law enacted by the municipality pursuant to the applicable Zoning By-law from 07:00 to 19:00.

It is noted that outdoor events in themselves outside of 07:00 to 19:00 are not prohibited. The making of noise is prohibited in the instance where such events are likely to disturb the peace, quiet, comfort or repose of any inhabitant.

In accordance with the procedures set out in our Policy & Procedures for Noise By-law Relief Requests, the residents within 120 metres were circulated. This is to confirm that one response in support of the event was received.

D. Analysis

N/A

E. The Blue Mountains Strategic Plan

“Engage our Community and Partners”

F. Environmental Impacts

N/A

G. Financial Impact

N/A

H. In consultation with

Residents within 120 metres of property.
Rob Collins, Director of Enforcement Services/Fire Chief.

I. Attached

1. Office Consolidation of the Noise By-law.
2. Copy of the application dated August 1, 2017.
3. Copy of email from Mike D'Abramo.

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Submitted By,

Rob Collins
Director of Enforcement Services/Fire Chief

CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF THE BLUE MOUNTAINS

FAF.17.101
Attachment 1

BY-LAW 2002 – 9

Office Consolidation
(By-laws 2002-60 & 2004-16)

Being a By-law to prohibit or regulate noises within the municipality likely to disturb.

WHEREAS Section 210 (138) of the *Municipal Act*, chap. M.45, R.S.O. 1990 and amendments thereto enables the councils of local municipalities to pass by-laws for prohibition or regulation within the municipality of noises likely to disturb the inhabitants;

AND WHEREAS section 61 of the *Provincial Offences Act*, chap. P.33, R.S.O. 1990 and amendments thereto provides for a general maximum penalty upon conviction not to exceed \$5,000.00;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed expedient to pass a by-law for the prohibition or regulation of noise within the municipality in a format that would allow enforcement by both a Municipal Law Enforcement Officer and the Ontario Provincial Police;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Town of The Blue Mountains hereby enacts as follows:

1. THAT no person shall make noise or cause noise to be made or permit noise to be made that would be likely to disturb the inhabitants of the municipality.
2. THAT for the purposes of Section 1, the following noises or sounds, among others, shall be deemed likely to disturb the inhabitants of the municipality:
 - (a) The sound or noise from, or created by, any radio, television, phonograph, or any other electronic device, or any musical or sound producing instrument of whatsoever kind when such radio, television, phonograph, device or instrument is played or operated in such a manner or with such volume likely to disturb the peace, quiet, comfort or repose of any inhabitant within, or having quiet enjoyment of the lands upon which is located, any dwelling unit, apartment building, hotel, motel, or any other type of residence.
 - (b) The yelling, shouting, hooting, whistling, singing, or any other sound made by an individual in such a manner which is likely to disturb the peace, quiet, comfort or repose of any other inhabitant within, or having quiet enjoyment of the lands upon which is located, any dwelling unit, apartment building, hotel, motel or any other type of residence.
 - (c) The operation of construction vehicles or the act of construction between the hours of 19:00 hours of any weekday to 07:00 hours of the next weekday save and except Saturday from 08:00 hours to 13:00 hours which is likely to disturb the peace, quiet, comfort or repose of any other inhabitant within, or having quiet enjoyment of the lands upon which is located, any dwelling unit, apartment building, hotel, motel or any other type of residence, unless written permission to specifically extend or alter the hereinbefore mentioned time periods has been given in writing by Council.

- (d) The sound from the operation of any powered or non-powered tool, for domestic purposes (other than snow removal) which is operated in such a manner likely to disturb the peace, quiet, comfort or repose of any inhabitant within, or having quiet enjoyment of the lands upon which is located, any dwelling unit, apartment building, hotel, motel or any other type of residence, between the hours of 23:00 hours of one day to 07:00 hours of the next day (09:00 hours on Sundays).
- (e) The persistent noise made by any domestic pet, or any animals kept for commercial purposes, likely to disturb the peace, quiet, comfort, or repose of any inhabitant in the same building or in the neighbourhood, at any time.
- (f) The grating, grinding, rattling noise or any other noise caused by a condition of disrepair or maladjustment of any motor vehicle or other vehicle whatsoever or part or accessory thereof likely to disturb the peace, quiet, comfort or repose of any other inhabitant within the municipality.

3. THAT this By-law does not affect:

- a) Any bona fide agricultural use or practice engaged in by a bona fide farmer or employee thereof.
- b) The operation of snow-making machinery or snow-grooming vehicles.
- c) The operation of snow-removal equipment.
- d) Noises or sounds authorized by the municipality. (By-law No. 2002-60)
- e) Noises or sounds related to the non-residential use of land that is permitted by a by-law enacted by the municipality pursuant to Section 34 of the *Planning Act* between the hours of 07:00 hours and 19:00 hours. (By-law 2002-60)
- f) Noises or sounds related to the non-residential use of land that is permitted pursuant to the regulations made under the *Niagara Escarpment Planning And Development Act* between the hours of 07:00 hours and 19:00 hours. (By-law 2002-60)
- g) Noises or sounds authorized by the Blue Mountain Village Association originating within the "Village at Blue Mountain" (Parts 1-40, 16R-7451) between the hours of 07:00 hours and 23:00 hours. (By-law No. 2002-60)
- h)** Noises or sounds related to the use of lands known as Part of Lot 5 and Part of Lot 6, Concession 8, Roll No.: 7-046-02, by the Blue Ridge Sportsmen's Club Inc. between the hours of 08:00 and 21:00 on any day, subject to any Provincial or Federal Statute or Regulation with regard to the discharge of firearms and/or weapons. (By-law 2004-16)

4. THAT every person who contravenes any provision of this By-law is guilty of an offence and on conviction is liable to a penalty as provided in the *Provincial Offences Act*.

5. THAT should any section, clause or provision of this By-law be declared by a court of a competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of the By-law as a whole or in part hereof, other than the part which was declared to be invalid.

6. THAT Township of Collingwood By-laws No. 92-28, 95-37 and 96-9, Town of Thornbury By-law No. 20A-1983 and Town of The Blue Mountain By-law No. 2000-44 are hereby rescinded and repealed.

Read a first and second time this 28 day of January, 2002.

Read a third time and passed this 28 day of January, 2002

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Ross Arthur, Mayor

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Stephen Keast, Clerk



Application for a Noise By-law Exemption

This form is authorized under By-law 2002-09

Form BL574

For use by Principal Authority	
Application number: PRNBR2017-841	Exemption number (if different):
Date received: AUGUST 2, 2017	Roll number: 18-002-00

Application submitted to: **TOWN OF THE BLUE MOUNTAINS**
 32 Mill Street Box 310, Thornbury, ON
 Tel: (519) 599-3131 Toll Free: 1-888-258-6867 ext. 249
Bylawservices@thebluemountains.ca www.thebluemountains.ca

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Attachment 2

A. Event Location (Location of the event relief is being requested)			
Building number, street name		Unit number	Lot/con.
Postal code		Plan number/other description	
B. Applicant			
Applicant is: <input type="checkbox"/> Owner or <input type="checkbox"/> Authorized agent of owner			
Last name		First name	Corporation or partnership
Street address		Unit number	Lot/con.
Municipality		Postal code	Province
Telephone number ()		Fax ()	Cell number ()
C. Owner (if different from applicant)			
Last name		First name	Corporation or partnership
Street address		Unit number	Lot/con.
Municipality		Postal code	Province
Telephone number ()		E-Mail	Cell number ()
D. Event Type (Other events may be considered at the sole discretion of Council)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Charitable Event <input type="checkbox"/> Wedding/ Family Gathering <input type="checkbox"/> Construction Related <input type="checkbox"/> Other			
E. Event Details			
Event Name (if applicable):		Date of the Event:	Time of the Event:
Does the Event promote charitable, educational or community objectives?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Does the Event support the community provincially, nationally or internationally?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Is the Event financially supported by the Town?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Have there been any prior noise by-law infractions associated with this event?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Description of the source of sound:			
Proposed provisions to mitigate impact of noise to affected residential premises:			
Reasons the noise by-law exemption should be support (in the applicant's opinion)			
F. Declaration of Applicant (Note: if owner is not the applicant attach the "Authorization to Act as Agent" form)			
I _____ certify that:			
(print name)			
the information contained in this application; attached schedules, attached plans and specifications, and other attached documentation is true to the best of my knowledge. If the owner is a corporation or partnership, I have the authority to bind the corporation or partnership.			

Date		Signature of applicant	
Note:			
1. Every application for an exemption shall be submitted a minimum of four (4) weeks in advance of the proposed event.			
2. Every person who contravenes any provision of the Noise By-law N0. 2002-09, as amended is guilty of an offence and on conviction is liable to a penalty as provided in the <i>Provincial Offences Act</i> .			

From: Mike D'Abramo
To: [Bylaw Info](#)
Subject: Noise By-law Exemption Request-Kathleen Houghton
Date: August-09-17 7:06:36 PM

As a resident of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] with the home asking for the noise exemption request, we have no objection.

Congratulations to the bride and groom... We hope it is a great night!

To the town clerk: we received this letter in the mail on April 9 and the deadline was April 10. In the future, it would be appropriate to allow a longer window for people to respond. Perhaps the notice could be sent earlier or allowing for comments four or five days in advance, rather than 7. This is especially true during the summer when people are often away and on Mail that is sent over a holiday weekend. Thank you for your consideration.

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